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"Whom Shall I Send?"

---Isa. 6:8

By REV. CHARLES E. FULLER, D. D.

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Dr. Charles E. Fuller

Turn in your Bible, please, to the eighth verse of the sixth chapter of Isaiah. "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."

All this week the Holy Spirit has kept me, held me to the eighth verse for today, and over and over this verse has been before me, and I dare not be disobedient. Woe is me if I preach from any other verse of Scripture today than Isaiah 6:8. Here is the setting. Isaiah, Jehovah's prophet, was elected and commissioned not only to foretell but to forthtell. He was Jehovah's mouthpiece to call Israel, a sinful nation, back unto a place of fellowship and blessing. In chapters 1 to 5 God gave Isaiah a picture of Israel's sinful condition, a people laden with iniquity. I can just read between the lines that when that picture was given to Isaiah, Isaiah said in so many words, "Lord, I am not capable of calling this sinful nation back to Thyself. I myself need to be cleansed and recommissioned to do the job. I need to be re-empowered to speak and to have the unction of the Holy Spirit." And so we have this setting in the sixth chapter that we will speak upon in just a few moments.

This eighth verse is God's call

for men and women to become bearers of His Word to the ends of the earth.

The Need for Workers

You have heard this. It has been stated over the air and from the pulpits thousands of times. But Peter says we must often be put in remembrance. Listen: the heathen are perishing. I am not speaking of the men so much down in the steaming jungles of the Dark Continent as I am of the heathen right here in Long Beach and California and America. And every person outside of Jesus Christ is a rebel and a heathen in God's sight. Search your Bible from Genesis to Revelation and you can find but one way of salvation for any man outside of Christ. There is but one name given under Heaven among men whereby they must be saved. And that name is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the tenth chapter of Romans we find these words: "Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed," and then the thirteenth verse, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." But now notice the practical question, and I am putting it right up to you: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." And since there is no other way of salvation except through Christ, how are they to be saved unless men and women pour out their lives and become vessels to carry the water of life to dying men and women? God has no other plan and God needs messengers. The fields are white but the laborers are few. And here is a call plain and simple: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Thank God

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A Sermon to Children

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

(Preached on the Back to the Bible Broadcast over more than twenty stations in December, 1944.)

Now in the first chapter of the Gospel of John, we will read two verses: John 1:11, 12:

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

You Belong to Jesus Christ

Jesus came to His own. Do you boys and girls realize you belong to Jesus? He made you. You don't belong to yourself; you belong to Jesus. When Jesus came into the world, He came to His own world, the world that He had made. He came to people whom He had made. Remember He was with the Father in Heaven long before the world began, and He and the Father planned that He should be born into the world and that He should live here as a man. So when Jesus came to this world, it was His own world, the world He had

made. The people who were here were people He had made. He had been giving them every breath they drew. When they went to sleep, He kept their hearts beating. And yet when He came to His own world and His own people, His own people did not receive Him.

Some people say, "Well, Brother Rice, I thought that meant Israelites." It meant everybody in the world. Jesus made you as much as He made anybody, and so He came to you as much as He came to anybody. And if you haven't received Him, that verse is about you.

Many Who Belong to Christ Will Not Receive Him

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not." That is a strange thing, isn't it? Isn't it strange that anybody would refuse

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"What Is That in Thine Hand?"

---Exo. 4:2

By DR. BOB JONES, Sr.

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(Preached April 30, 1946, in Chicago city-wide campaign, The Life Begins Campaign, held in the Arena, Chicago, Illinois, April 28-May 12. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD)

"And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee. And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand: That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee."—Exodus 4:1-5.

This is my text: "What is that in thine hand?"

God Has the Answer for People in Trouble

God came to Moses and said to him, "Your brethren in Egypt are in trouble." Say, is it nothing to you that this world is in trouble? There has never been a time when there was so much trouble as now. There is not a place on God's earth tonight where there are not broken hearts. There has always been trouble in the world, but it was never so universal as now. You cannot go anywhere that you do not find distress among people. There is uncertainty; there is a sense of fear and a peculiar disturbed attitude toward life. I said in a service recently that my heart goes out to young people. I am sorry for young people in this generation. People have always said, "Oh, the wonderful opportunities that young people have!" Well, the young people of this generation are living in a wonderful age, but a dangerous age. When I stand on the platform in chapel and look at the young people in our college my heart goes out to them. They do not know what is ahead of them. They do not know what the future holds. When I was a boy all we said was that we would get ready for the future, but young people do not know what to get ready for now. The scenes of nations are shifting. There is uncertainty and unrest everywhere. Everybody is disturbed. It is a chaotic, terrible world that we are living in. Aren't you disturbed about it? I do not see how people could fail to be interested. I watch the crowds go down the streets and they pull on my heart. I see them crowding into the cocktail lounges in our hotels, see women coming out with a cigarette in one hand and a glass of whiskey in the other. My, my what a world it is!

I think of the broken homes in this country. Not long ago I went diagonally across this continent from Seattle to Florida. I would watch through the train windows and count the homes. At that time every seventh home in America was broken by divorce. Now it is worse than that—now it is about every fifth home. It is a terrible world we are living in. These are terrible conditions. The old standards have been torn down and there is uncertainty and disturbance and unrest and fear. What a world! What a tragic, bloody, horrible world we are living in! Are you disturbed about it? Are you concerned about it? Is it nothing to you that the hearts of men are breaking?

In the terrible days of the depression a woman in the South

said to me, "God has gone back on me."

I said, "Are you a Christian?"

She said, "Oh, yes; I am a Christian. But God has gone back on me."

"Well," I said, "that is strange. I never knew of His treating anybody else like that."

"He has gone back on me," she said again.

I said, "What do you mean?"

She said, "Well He has gone back on me, I am telling you."

"But God said He would not go back on you; I am surprised to know God broke His Word," I insisted.

"You do not understand," she said. "My husband died and left me some money in the bank. Then the bank went broke and I lost my money. My home is mort-

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Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

Many Catholics Saved in Chicago Campaign

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, Editor

When this is written, I am preaching in the great union revival campaign in Chicago. This is Tuesday, May 28. Friday night in the Chicago Arena, seating over 7,000, I preached on "The Scarlet Sin, Adultery, and the Roads That Lead to It." It was a tremendously moving spectacle to see the great crowd, to see evidences of deep conviction, and then when the invitation was given, to see some forty or fifty come forward to accept Christ as Saviour. Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Children's Jamboree, I preached on "A Cure for Snake Bite" and over one hundred children, in a very careful invitation, came forward to claim the Saviour. All were dealt with privately then, with Scripture and prayer, and careful records were made. Saturday night in the revival services combined with Chicago Youth for Christ, some were saved, others on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Then Sunday night I preached "A Sermon From the Catholic Bible." This sermon was taken down and will be published in The Sword of the Lord, God willing. About twenty-four came forward to accept Christ as Saviour, and the remarkable and happy thing is that about twelve or fifteen of them were Catholics. They had been interested because I was to read all my Scriptures from the Catholic Confraternity edition of the New Testa-

ment. And so I had been able to preach to them clearly the plan of salvation, to answer their problems about the mass, praying to Mary, confession to a priest, etc., without any unkindness. I think you will rejoice, as I did, in the following letter which came to me the next day.

"May 27, 1946
7:30 p.m.

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Praise the Lord for your ministry!

"Because of your moving 'Sermon From a Catholic Bible,' my beloved Catholic wife renounced all credence of faith in Roman Catholicism and placed her entire trust and faith in the Lord. Now she is released from her Roman Catholic shackles and shall join me in becoming a member of the Moody Church and serve the Lord with all our body, heart and soul. Thank you for your prayers, which proved to be the decisive impulse to her renunciation of Roman Catholicism and to truly lead her to a complete regeneration.

"May God bless your ministry!"

(Signed) R. Z.
Of course I do not feel free to give the name here, but my heart is happy with the happiness of this young husband and wife. Five in one family were saved. There were many tears. After taking my hand, all were sent to the inquiry room and there they were taught

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for the record that Isaiah said, "Here am I; send me."

I received a telegram just a few days ago from Mexico in which the Wycliffe Bible Translators sent out this urgent call that by June 1 they need 124 workers, 40 more translators and 20 more for tribes and dialects in Mexico. Peru needs 25 more translators. Siberia needs 10 more pioneer preachers to go to Siberian tribes. That is just one illustration out of hundreds that could be used. Yet over against this need are these words coming from the heart of God—listen—"Whom shall I send?"

God is looking over humanity, trying to find a man or a woman who is willing to give his life into full-time service. He said, "After I have done all that I could, I love the world so much that I will give my only begotten Son. I will send Him." And now for two thousand years the world is still unevangelized. "Whom shall I send?" All things are ready. The table is laden. God is willing to place a wedding garment upon you. Oh, who will get the vision? Who will go out and pour out and lay down his life for the Master?

I want to tell you that the old ship of this world is fast sinking. The storms are beating upon it, and it is about ready to go down under the waves. This is about the end of man's day, when the god of this age, Satan, shall have his hold on the affairs of men.

There is a little lifeboat of salvation alongside the sinking ship, but the strange part of it is that it is hard to find men to man the lifeboat.

The Eternal Christ Calling

Notice, "Who will go for us?" That little word "us" is as though the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—the Trinity—are back of this plea, viewing the world in the awful state that it is. "Who will go for us?"

First of all, I want you to see the vision that Isaiah had of the Lord's glory, His supreme glory, high and lifted up above all principalities, powers and might. Listen to verse 1: "I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne. I was meditating upon that, and I said to myself, He was seated there before the incarnation. He left that glory for a short period, but He is now back seated by the right hand of the Father. He has watched the nations. The glory of Egypt and of the Pharaohs he saw vanish away. He has seen the glory of Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar, the proud king, saying, 'Look at the great city I have built.' Babylon has gone to the dust. He has watched Media-Persia and the glorious days of Greece come to the high-water mark and pass off the scene, and the Roman government. He saw a painter and paper hanger named Hitler come upon the scene. He has been upon the throne seated in all of His calmness and glory and beauty. Thank God, today I serve a living, seated Christ, and He is above all thrones supreme, the eternal One. Today He is calling, "Whom shall I send?"

Isaiah's Preparation for Service

I want you to see Isaiah's preparation. First, of his confession of sin. I see it here in this sixth chapter. As he saw the vision and the glory of the Lord and the holiness of God, he said, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King." If you want a picture that will spoil you for the world, get a picture of the risen Christ. You remember Paul on the road to Damascus saw a light above the brightness of the desert sun of the risen Christ, and for three days and three nights he was in Damascus blinded. Everything was shut out because of the brightness of that light. How beautiful of Ananias to go, though fearful of going, to speak to Paul. But finally he went and said, "Brother Saul"—a brother though formerly a murderer.

Here is Isaiah's confession of sin. He is a chosen prophet; he

had his heart cleansed. He was in a position of relationship, but Isaiah realized that before a prophet could use his own lips to speak forth the words in power that the very instrument of the prophet's office must be cleansed. Then he said, "I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips."

Do you know our trouble, the thing that is holding back revival? Let me tell you. We have become so accustomed to sin on all sides. The Bible says, "Abhor that which is evil," and we have become case-hardened, not realizing what it means, this awful thing called sin. And one thing that a vision of the high and mighty One will do is that it will give you a picture of the awfulness of sin. You can hardly walk down the street without hearing His name taken in vain. You see drunkenness and immorality and no concern for the things of God and the fact that there is judgment ahead and eternal separation for those who die in their sins.

Oh, Isaiah was bowed down! It is hard to confess your need before God, but he said, "Woe is me! for I am undone." You know the story. Then the seraphim took a live coal from off the altar, the sacrifice speaking of the cross of Christ, and came and touched Isaiah's lips. Now will you notice it? "And he laid it upon my mouth." Two things happened. "Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." You remember on the day of atonement the great priest would take the blood of a goat into the holy place, and there the sins of Israel were covered for another year. Then coming out he would place his hands upon the head of the live goat and confess over that live goat the sins of Israel. Then a man prepared would take the goat into the wilderness and that goat never returned. The sins were taken away. The iniquity of Israel was taken away.

God Sends the Surrendered, Cleansed Isaiah

When a man is prepared as Isaiah was prepared, it will not be long before he receives a commission. Moses was back in the desert before he delivered Israel from Egypt under God's hand and direction. He spent forty years in the desert. He had to learn about the paths of the desert and the desert moods, and be hardened against the desert sands and the desert heat. Paul had to spend three years back in Arabia where he learned some of the deep things of God so that he could write under the inspiration of the Spirit such epistles as Ephesians and Philippians and Colossians. When he was ready God pushed him forth, and Paul, coming to the end of his earthly race, said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." But listen, who is ready today for God to train you? Who is ready today to step out and say, "I am willing to be trained"? I want to tell you, it will not be long before God will commission you.

You look out and see thousands of professing Christians feverishly working to get a little money ahead—the things of this life all pass away. They are trying to get rich, and are investing their lives in the fashions of this world, in things that will all pass away. Even some are ready to go to the steaming jungles to get oil or gold or silver and precious stones. Of how much more we need young men and women to go out and captivate and capture the souls of men for eternity!

One of my favorite verses is Ephesians 2:10. I have often spoken of it. "For we are his workmanship (handiwork), created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Listen, young man, I am going to pass a little secret on to you today. It is this: before the foundation of the world, back in the eternity past, before the vast sunbeam ever shot across the 92 million miles to kiss Niagara Falls, God had a plan for you. Think

gaged and the mortgage is being foreclosed."

"How old are you, Sister," I asked.

She said, "I am seventy-five."

"Well," I said, "you won't need a home much longer. You are seventy-five and you say you are not feeling well! You look awfully bad! And you are a Christian. You won't need a home much longer."

I would like to see anybody break my bank! I have a bank that cannot be broken. I have a bank up in Heaven which nobody can break. If that bank in Heaven were broken it would not make any difference. After all the banks in Heaven are broken, all we will have to do will be go out and rake up some gold off the streets of Heaven to carry us on a while longer. After all the gold of the streets is used up we still will not be broke. All God will have to do will be to reach out and get a handful of gold out of the sunset and run the universe a million ages longer. After He exhausts all the gold in the sunset my God will not be broke. All He will have to do will be to reach out an get a golden hinge off a door and run the universe a million ages longer. Say, what are you Christians down in the mouth about? I am so glad I am rich. I am no pauper! You can call yourself a worm of the dust if you want to, but I am a joint heir with Jesus Christ. I am so glad I am rich. I own stock in everything in this country. Listen! All the flowers that bloom in the jungles of South America are part of my botanical garden. I own stock in all the gold mines of the world, and all the stars that shine like diamond points in the curtain of night. All things were made by Him and all things were made for Him, and I am a joint heir with Jesus Christ! Say, what are you Christians so depressed about? I do not like this poor-mouthed religion some people have. It is a wonderful thing to know who you are.

I met a man not long ago who told me where he came from. He kept going back and back and back. I noticed that the further back he went the better the peo-

ple got. The further away from him they were, the nicer they were. After a while he said, "What do you think about that?" I said, "You haven't gone anywhere."

He said, "How far can you go?"

I said, "Back to the beginning. In the beginning God . . . God is my Father." No man is high-born until he has been born from on High. Say, what are you Christians so depressed about? What are you so worried about?

I am going to preach a sermon some day on a text I have never preached from—the text: "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." The people who faint always faint when they are needed. You never saw a woman pick a good time to faint! The house is burning, and the woman looks at the house and faints. The hose has to be turned on her while the house burns! Somebody is bleeding to death and a woman looks at the blood and faints, and you have to give her the ice and let the poor fellow bleed.

It is bad enough for you Christians not to help us; it is worse for you to be a burden to us, because the world is bloody and the world is burning up. I don't like this thing of Christians giving up in despair.

I remember years ago down South a friend of mine said, "Bob, one day I was sitting on the porch reading the morning paper. My little girl climbed up in a tree over a picket fence. I sat there and watched her. After a while she fell on the picket fence and stuck a paling right in her stomach. It was one of the most horrible sights you can imagine."

I said, "What did you do, Lee?"

He said, "I threw my paper down and ran out to the fence, picked her up in my arms, pulled the picket out of her stomach and started to run to the hospital. I passed my wife. As I passed by she fell over in a faint."

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Listen to me, Christian, this is no time to give up. This is the time of all times when Christians should show they have something worth-while. It takes days like these to test you. It takes times like these to show folks you have something worth having. This is the opportunity you Christians have to peddle your goods before the world and let the world know you have something.

I remember years ago I went out to speak in a Georgia town. I was going to speak there at ten o'clock at the courthouse. I said to somebody, "What has become of my old friend, Dr. So and So?"

"Why," they said, "Bob, he is dead. He died about six weeks ago."

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"No, Bob, I don't go to church anymore."

I said, "What is the matter, Minnie?"

"Well," she said, "since Sterling died I just stay at home all the time. I just can't go out in public any more."

I said, "Aren't you a Christian?"

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God Can Use the Weakest Man or Woman

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night that when they put those Hebrew children in the fiery furnace God leaned over the battlements and blew the fire down their throats. God is always concerned when His people are troubled. When you think of the trouble in the world, when you think of the disturbed conditions, when you think of how God's people everywhere are being kicked around and scuffed about I want you to remember what a chance you have—what an opportunity you have to walk up and down the streets and in and out among the people and show them what God can do for a man or woman who will trust Him.

God said to Moses, 'I want you to go down into Egypt and do something for My people.'

Moses said, 'You'll have to excuse me, Lord. I have a past. You know I killed a fellow one time.' Everybody has a past. Not long ago a woman came forward in a meeting and was converted. Somebody said, 'She has a past.'

I said, 'Everybody has a past.' Yours may be different from somebody else's; but you listen to me, any sin that any sinner ever committed, every sinner could commit under proper provocation. Let me say it again: any sin that any sinner ever committed, every sinner could commit under proper provocation. We talk about people's past. You have a past. I have a past. Where would you have been if you had not had about you some influences you have had about you?

Moses had a past. He killed a man. He got ahead of God. I do not think Moses should have worried about that. He did something ahead of God. He did it the wrong way, but he was on the right side. Listen, if you let your past intimidate you, you will never go anywhere for God. A man said to me not long ago, 'When I think of what I have done, what I have been...'

I said, 'Listen, brother, you can remember that all that past is blotted out and covered by the blood of Jesus Christ.' I am so glad that God has a way of hiding sin behind His own back and putting it where He Himself cannot even see it.

Moses said, 'You will have to excuse me; I can't go.' 'What is the matter with you?' 'I haven't any ability.'

God is not looking for big men any more. If He is, He is up against it! This is the golden day for little people. What a day in which for us to live! We thought for a while that there was only one man in the United States big enough to be president. God let him die so another man could get in. I never shall forget when I found out that there were political conventions where just one man was nominated. I said, 'What an age to live in—when men are so scarce you can't find but one fellow big enough to carry a party banner in a presidential election!' What a day you are living in. There are not many big people in the world. God is not looking for big people. God is looking for common people.

I sat one time in a meeting in the city of Chicago and somebody said, 'Oh, if we could get Mr. So and So—he is such a big man. Try to get him.' Listen, that is not God's way. God says, 'I raise up the weak things of the earth to confound the mighty.' We have the idea that if we can get some big man or rich man or powerful man, everything will be all right. Oh, everybody would give the man credit. When God gets a little man and that little man does a big job, everybody says, 'God did it.' When Mr. Moody held his meetings in England Mr. Drummond said, 'When I see yellow specks I always look for a cause. I heard Mr. Moody preach and I could not explain the effect. There was not a cause to produce it. And I discovered that back of Moody was God.' God is not looking for big men.

You say, 'I haven't any ability.' God Almighty has enough ability for you and Him, too. You furnish the surrendered life and

God Almighty will furnish the ability! We are always looking to the arm of flesh for something human and powerful and dynamic. Somebody says, 'If we could just get the President to speak. If we could just get So and So to speak. If Mr. So and So would just come out, what he couldn't do!' God says, 'I will pick up some little unknown fellow.' God always gets a joke off on these fellows—always. He is getting a joke off on America today in the Youth for Christ movement. That thing just broke out and God raised up a bunch of kids to carry it on. I sat in a conference not long ago, and I said, 'The glorious thing about the Youth for Christ is that God Almighty has scores and scores of young fellows who can stand up and tell the story and get people saved.' We think, 'Oh, if we could just get So and So.' Listen, what you need is to get God Almighty in a thing. You hear people say, 'Oh, if I had all the money I need!' I never shall forget one day when it dawned on me that in Bob Jones College I did not need money, when it dawned on me that what I needed was God. I never shall forget one day when I was sitting there and I said, 'God is all we need. What we need is not money. If we have God, He has all the money we need.'

You need God. That is what this campaign needs. That is what Chicago needs. You need the irresistible push of Omnipotence in your life. 'I am not big enough'—when a man really

means that when he says it he is just the sort of man God is looking for. I read in the Bible about a man named Samson. I used to see pictures on the walls in Sunday School rooms of Samson—a great big giant standing there. I used to say, 'I wish I were big like that. I wish I were that kind of athlete!' Samson did not look like that. If Samson had looked like that, people would not have been asking him where his strength was. Everybody would have known. Samson was a little, anemic sort of fellow. When Samson would walk down the street carrying a gate on his shoulders people would say, 'Look at that little runt totting that gate! How does he do it?'

I remember I was sitting on the porch of the hotel at Winona Lake, Indiana, one day. Some young fellow had just preached. He set that conference on fire. We doctors of divinity sat on the porch, and one of the number said, 'You know, I don't understand how the young man does it. He is nothing extraordinary. He is not so well educated. He hasn't so much ability. He is not so eloquent. I wonder how he does it?' God still has a way of hiding power in the secret places of a surrendered life. That is what you need and that is what I need, that something that does the business and lets men wonder. When the disciples came along, people said, 'How do those fellows do it? They are unlearned men. How do they do it?'

I remember I used to read a

story in the Bible—and I always laugh about this. A man was riding along on a donkey, and God wanted somebody to preach a sermon. God said to the donkey, 'I would like for you to do something for me.'

The donkey said, 'What do you want me to do?'

'I want you to preach a sermon.'

The donkey said, 'I can't preach a sermon. I have never been to a theological seminary. I have never had a college degree. I cannot preach a sermon. I can't even talk. I do not know how to use English or any other language. I can wake people up for you in the morning, but I can't talk. If I could talk I would not know what to say.'

God said to the donkey, 'I will write you a sermon.' I have always respected that donkey—he did say what God told him to say. That is more than you can say for some of these modernistic preachers. The donkey said what God told him to say. Men and women, this is the day of Balaam's ass. God Almighty is so hard pressed today that He will take anything He can get. This is your chance! This is a golden day for ordinary people. When you and I get to Heaven we are going to find out that the biggest things that ever happened in this world depended upon such little things.

I remember a few years ago I was in the city of Damascus outside the wall. My guide said

to me, 'Right along here is where Paul was let over the wall in a basket.' I do not know whether it happened there or not, but it happened somewhere. As I stood there I got to thinking about it. I wondered who let Paul down over the wall. I wondered what the man's name was and whether his wife helped him. I wondered how long he had been converted. I said to myself, 'If it had not been for that man and that woman or those friends—whoever they were—if it had not been for those who let him over the wall, Paul's life might have been ended. His ministry and his teaching depended upon a rope and basket and friendly hands—unknown hands. When I get to Heaven I am going to ask Paul to introduce me to his friends, and I am going to find somebody on streets of gold with a crown shining like his crown. It will be the friend who let him down over the wall. You may not get in the limelight in this world, brother; but if you are God's faithful man, don't worry.'

My friend, Bob Shuler, told me a story, told it to our college. It electrified me as few stories I have ever heard. Bob Shuler said that years ago in southwest Virginia a little baby was put on the front steps of a mountain cabin. The man and his wife who lived there had no children. There were no babies in the home. The man was a rough, coarse mountaineer, but he took the baby in and showed it to his wife. The little fellow grew up and after a

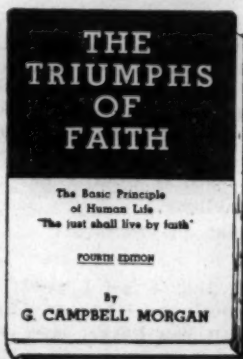
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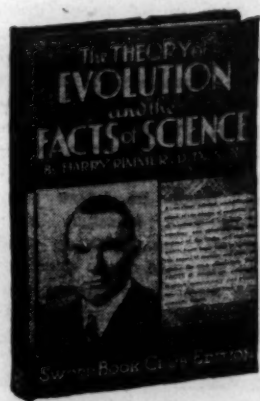
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"What Is That in Thine Hand?"

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while the man began to beat him. He would whip him until his little back was bloody. The little boy stood it and stood it and stood it. One night when he was about ten years old the man was sleeping in a drunken stupor. The little boy, tied some things in a big red handkerchief, stuck a little stick through the bundle and went out of the door, down the road leading down the valley and around the hills and over the mountains. He traveled two or three days without eating. One day early in the evening when he could not travel any further he went up on the front porch of a little mountain home. A lady came to the door, and he said, "Can I get something to eat?"

The woman said, "Come in, son; I will fix you some supper. She fixed him some supper. She had a little boy about his age. She said, "Now, you are going to eat with my boy. My boy's father is dead; I suppose your father is dead, too."

The boy didn't know what to say, so he said, "Yes, my father is dead, too." After he had eaten his supper they got ready to go to bed. The woman said, "We always pray before we go to sleep." After she had read the Bible she got down on her knees to pray, and she called God Father. The little boy had never heard anybody call God Father. All the time he had heard God's name used it was used on the profane lips of a wicked man. The boy said later, "I looked all around the house to see where H was." He went to bed tired from the weary journey, but could not sleep. All night he was wondering about that woman's father.

The next morning bright and early she fixed him something to eat and he started down the road. On and on he went, miles and miles down the valley and around the mountains. He got a job on a farm. Summertime came and a camp meeting was held in the community. The boy attended, and he went to the front for prayer. He got down on his knees and found God. Then he knew who that Father was, because he said, "Father," too. Those who had come forward got up off their knees and their names were being taken. A man said to the boy, "Now what church do you want to join?"

He said, "Church? I do not know one church from another."

The man said, "Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian—what church?"

"I do not know, mister. I do not know what church. Could you give me about three or four days to tell you?"

"Yes, I will give you as much time as you want."

"All right. Just save that place, and I will tell you in about three or four days." He went to the man for whom he was working and said, "Will you let me off for two or three days?"

The man said, "Yes, that is all right."

The boy went back down the valley, up the hill, over the mountains and down another valley until he came to the little mountain home where that poor widow lived with her little boy. He went in and said, "I want to tell you that I know your Father, too. I found Him the other night. They asked me what church I wanted to join. I did not know, but I said I wanted to find out what church you belong to. That is the church for me because you must belong to a good church."

The woman said, "Well, I happen to be a Methodist."

He said, "Will you write it off so I can read it?" The woman wrote out the word Methodist. The boy took the card back and said, "I want to join the Methodist church."

Listen, that man—Bob Shuler told me about him and I had heard his name before—became one of the great old-time camp meeting Methodist preachers in

the South in the old days. Bob Shuler said, "I know more than 140 old-time camp meeting preachers who were led to Jesus Christ under that old man's preaching. A little mountain woman gave him some idea of God the Father."

Don't you talk about an empty, fruitless, barren life if you are surrendered to God. God is looking today for surrendered people.

God Can Get Somebody to Do What You Cannot

Moses said, 'I can't speak. I haven't a good tongue.' God always has somebody to do what you cannot do. Don't worry about what you cannot do; just worry about what you can do and let God get somebody to do what you cannot do.

I cannot sing. The sorrow of my life is that I cannot sing. I love music, and I think I know good music when I hear it; but I just cannot sing. My vocal chords and my ears will not work together. They are like some church people. They start off all right and then they disagree. I just cannot do it. I never could sing.

I remember when I was a little country boy attending a little country school in Alabama we were getting ready to close the school year. Our old-maid school teacher lined us all up to teach us a song. I remember the words:

The last day of school is come
And now we are going to say
good-bye.

She said, "Now get ready, children. We are going to learn this song. Your parents will all be here, and we will have a good time. Get the words now. I said

The last day of . . . and started ahead of the others—it runs me crazy when folks will not start. I cannot stand to see God's business or anybody else's business drag. I believe in starting and going through with the job. I have no patience with the slovenly, dragging way most of us do God's business. We have down at our college a vesper service on Sunday afternoon under the direction of the music and speech departments. We have to have two services to get the crowds in. We used to have a violin. I like the violin. My only objection to the thing is that it has to be tuned up at the last minute. They would bring this violin out to the piano and go ting, ting, ting, t-i-n-g. I do not like that way of a fiddle having to ask the piano if it can go ahead. So I said to my son, "Bob, you get a piano and put it behind the curtain. Have those fiddles tuned before they start." And, brother, on my platform they come out fiddling!

So the teacher said, "Now boys and girls, watch me now—let's all get the words." I knew the words and I said,

The last . . .

After a while she looked at me and said, "Bobby, I am awfully sorry, but I just as well tell you now and be done with it. You just can't sing anyhow. And the trouble is that when you sing nobody else can sing either!" I

do not know anything about psychoanalysis, but that old sister broke my heart; and from that day to this I am ashamed to sing in public. Sometimes when I get alone and there is nobody for me to bother I sing the old songs the best I can:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me,

etc.

But I cannot sing. If the world had to depend upon me for music, it would be a terribly gloomy world. I cannot sing.

But I have a song in my heart. When I get to Heaven I am going to ask the angels to set a pitch for me on harps of gold. I am going to dip my tongue in the melody of the sky and sing an unsung song that Jesus put in my heart the night I was saved when I was just eleven years, the song that has never been written and never been sung. I wish I could sing for Jesus now. Some of you can sing for Jesus. Why don't you do it? But I can do something for Him. What I can do that is what God wants me to do.

Did you ever stop and sit down and figure what you could do for Jesus? Write it down: Well I can pray—good. I can read my Bible—fine. I can put some money in the collection—good. And when I put it in the collection I will do it with the same spirit that I would if Jesus were passing the collection plate. Oh, brother, when you get there you are getting on high ground! What else can you do? Well, I can ask somebody to come to the meeting in the Arena. I can sure do that, and I will do it. I can go into some home where there is a poor, old bedridden saint and pray with her. I will do that. Why don't you sit down and name the things you can do. Listen! Quit talking about the things you cannot do and ask God Almighty what you can do—and then go after it! Do what you can!

God Can Use What You Have

God said, 'Moses, I want you in Egypt. I want you to go down there and get my people out of trouble.'

Moses said, 'Lord, I haven't any talent; I haven't any ability.'

I remember years ago I was holding a meeting in Ocean Grove, New Jersey. I was in that big amphitheater there that accommodates about ten thousand people. The people told me a story. They said a few nights before I was there they advertised in the paper that a man who had just come back from Europe was going to play on a five thousand dollar violin he had bought in some old museum in Europe. It had never been used in America—was to be played for the first time that night. All the seats in the building were sold and even the standing room. The time came for the artist to come on the stage. He

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When I heard that I said, "Hallelujah! I do not have to be much if I can get into God's blessed hands. If somehow He can take me over, if somehow those nail-pierced hands of His can tune up the heart strings of my life and soul, I can be what I ought to be." Why don't you hand your life over to God? Listen! You have been running your life long enough and you have made a mess of it. Why don't you see what God could do with it!

'What do you have in your hand, Moses?'

'This? This? Why this is not anything. It is just my rod. It is what I herd sheep with. This is my stock and trade. This is my bank. This is my flower shop. This is my store. This is my position. This is my business. This is what I have. It isn't anything.'

'Is that all you have?'

'Yes.'

'Well, that is all I want.' Do you know what God wants? He wants all you have. How much money do you have in the bank? Think about it a minute. Would you sign your check in blank and let God fill it in and have anything He wants?

'Oh . . . you say.'

Wait a minute! What kind of a God do you serve? If you can trust Him with your soul's destiny for eternity, you can sign blank checks and lay them on His altar. What do you have? Your girl—did you ever give her to God? What about your baby? Did you tell God, "This baby is yours for China, or Africa, or an island of the sea?"

A woman said, "I wish I could send my daughter to Bob Jones College or some other college like

that, but I am afraid to send her to Dr. Bob's college, they might make a missionary out of her."

I said, "There is no danger as long as she has a mother like that." Listen! You haven't surrendered to God until everything is on the altar—everything! Don't hold out on Him!

We Need a Present, Miracle-Working God

'What do you have, Moses?'

'A rod.'

'Throw it down at God's feet and let God have it.' He threw it down and the rod became a serpent. Moses caught it by the tail and it turned back into a rod. God performed a miracle. I would not have a God who could not perform miracles. A preacher one time said, "I don't believe in praying for rain." I would not have a God who could not water my lawn! Do you know what this country needs? It needs an old-time, real God. That is what is the matter with us. We have got away from God as a glorious and wonderful reality. We talk about a "First Great Cause." We want to get God as far away as possible. Brother, God was back there, but I want an up-to-date God!

I remember one day a fellow said to me, "Did you ever hear Billy Sunday pray?" Yes, I did. I was reared down South and was brought up rather formally in my religious training; and I am honest with you when I say that the first time I ever heard Billy Sunday pray it shocked me. He was preaching. He stopped preaching and began to talk to Jesus as if Jesus were right there. He was talking to Jesus and then he turned around and said to Rodeheaver, "Rody, what is that fellow's name who came to see us yesterday and wanted us to hold a meeting in his place?" Then he went on, "Yes, Jesus, Mr. So and So," and continued to pray. A little later he said, "Ma, what is that fellow's name . . ." Then he went on praying about that

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man. It did shock me. I am honest with you. But you know, men and women, I knew one thing: Jesus Christ was real to Bill that night. And I want to tell you right now the trouble with most of us is that Jesus Christ is not real to us. I believe in reverence—do not misunderstand me—and I try to be like that; but I am afraid that sometimes God is not real to us.

Elijah had a real God. One day, he called God up (It did not happen like this, but it was as real as this). Elijah called up Heaven. He said, 'I would like to speak with God.' God answered and he said, 'Hello, is that You, God?'

'Yes.'

'This is your servant, Elijah. We are in trouble. Yes, everything is burning up. We haven't had any rain in a long time. The dust is awful. Yes, Yes. Well, they know I am Your prophet. Yes, I have been saying a good word for You down here. But things are awfully dry. Say, would You mind turning on the hydrant? You will? All right—but right away, please. Yes, yes; we need it right now. Right quickly, please. Well, good-bye.'

God turned on the hydrant. It rained and rained and rained. One day somebody said to Elijah, 'Do you think you could get that thing cut off?'

Elijah said, 'I think so. I know who can cut it off.'

Elijah said, 'Hello. Hello! Say, is this You, God? Well, listen just a minute. You know we are all about to drown. Yes, Sir. It was wonderful! The only thing the matter is that everything is about to be washed away. I told them You did it. Would You mind shutting it off for us? I will tell them. All right, thank You. Yes, right away, please. Good-bye.'

Listen, the story is as real as that. The trouble is that we have become so figurative that nothing is literal in the Bible or universe any more. What this country needs is an old-time, ever-present, real God. You need a God, brother, when somebody is dead and the hearse backs up to the door. You need a real God when you come to where the road parts and you do not know which way to go. I am glad I have that kind of God. When you get in trouble you can go jump in the lake if you want; but I have another place to go. A real God—that is what Chicago needs! That is what your churches need. That is what this whole bloody world needs!

Moses picked up his rod. Moses never called that his rod any more. He called it God's rod. And that old stick had been touched into power.

It took the North four years to free the slaves out of the South. It took Sherman's march to the sea. It took bloody battlefields. It took soldiers' graves on hill-sides. It took legless men and armless men. But Moses went down to Egypt to free slaves and all he had was an old stick that God Almighty had touched into power. When he got down there he went around to see Pharaoh and said, 'Pharaoh, I would like to see you just a minute.' And he was at home in that palace. He said, 'I was sent down here to transact a little business. My brethren are here in slavery. I want to get them out.'

Pharaoh said, 'There is nothing doing.'

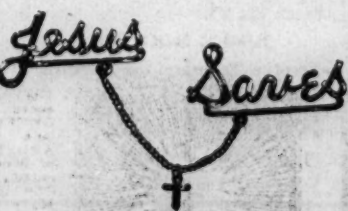
Moses said, 'I will see you later.' He went around there with that rod of God. Oh, how we need to see the miraculous again. Wouldn't you like once more to see God Almighty do something, and have everybody know God did it? Moses took that rod, pointed it and frogs began to leap up. People said, 'Look out! Look out! That man has been here with that stick again.' Somebody said, 'If that old boy wants anything, I am in favor of his having it. We

have no magicians like that down here in Egypt.' He went down there and pointed it to the river, the river turned to blood, and the fish died. Somebody said, 'Give him what he wants!' He waved the rod through the air and millions of locusts came. Somebody said, 'What do you want, Moses? You can have it.' And one day the old king said, 'We have had all we can stand. We just can't stand it any longer.'

Moses took that rod of God and used it for a banner of power and led those Hebrew children down to the sea. When they got down there they had no engineers, no boats and no bridges. He lifted the rod of God above the sea. The waves stood to one side and stood at attention and the army marched across. Men and women, God Almighty has not gone out of business! The trouble is, we have quit. You have in this building tonight the same God that Moses had in Egypt. The trouble is we just don't use God that way. Oh, what God could do with you if you would just let Him!

Everybody's head bowed. How many of you will say, 'I am saved, but there is a lack of power in my life. I have been saved, but I lack something; there is something I do not have. Maybe I am holding out on God. I do not know; but I want something I do not have. I want power I have never had. I want an anointing I have never known.' (Many came to rededicate their lives to God, and others were saved).

PRAYER: Blessed Jesus, we have done the best we could for You tonight. Somebody else could have done better, but I could not have. It was the best I could do. I could not do any better, I would have if I could. You know I would. I would do anything for You. Yes, I would. I love You. You are my Friend. You have been so good to me. You died for me when I was a poor sinner. I am trusting You. You washed my sins away in Your blood. Through the years You have led me along strange roads. Thou art so precious and wonderful! Jesus, if I have anything You want I would like to give it to You. When I came to You I just accepted You. I did not bring anything to You at all. Now I am Yours. You are my Saviour, my Elder Brother. If I have anything I have not given You I want You to tell me what You would like to have. If I have any talent, any gift, anything, Jesus. You can have anything I have. I believe I mean it. Of course, I am awfully weak—we all are. We blunder around so much and make such a mess. We are so human, but I do want to give You everything I have. Oh, I believe we mean it tonight, Jesus. May none of us ever be the same after this hour. Maybe we have not long to work for You down here. Let the power of God come upon us. Send us out to talk to our loved ones with a new anointing, a new power. Help us to bring them to Christ. Help us to do personal work tomorrow. Help us to bring people to the service tomorrow night. Help us to do something for God. Oh, let things happen here, Lord. May this Arena before the days of this meeting close be filled with



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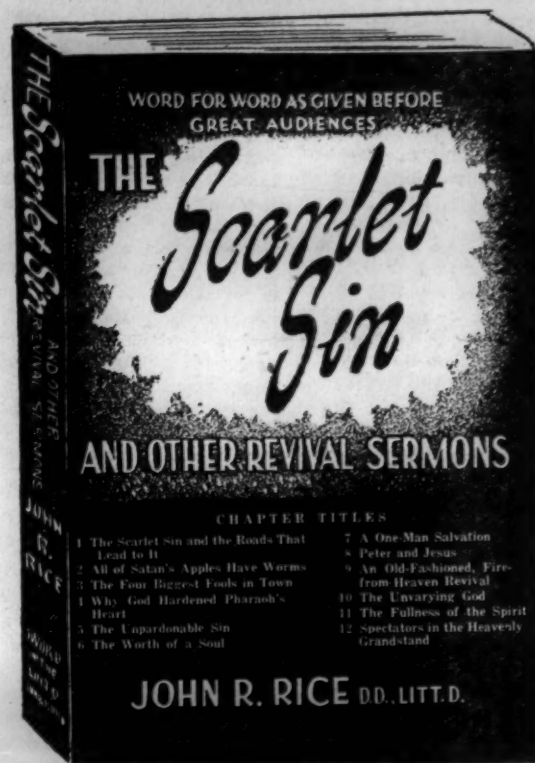
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to receive Jesus? But in the second chapter of Luke we are told that that is what happened when the Saviour was born. I guess they didn't know, of course, that He was the Saviour. When Mary and Joseph wanted a room for the night, they didn't know that Jesus was to be born. But nobody had any room. There was no room in the inn or the hotel. There was no room in any private home. Why, somebody could have made a pallet on the floor and said, "We will give the guest room to Mary. The Lord Jesus is going to be born at our house." But they didn't care about it, and so nobody had any room.

The Scripture says that Mary and Joseph went to a stable, and the Lord Jesus was born and laid in a manger because there was no room in the inn. Isn't that a strange thing? What is wrong with this world that we have no room for Jesus today? Christmas time is coming on, boys and girls. Are you going to spend all of your time thinking about presents? Are you going to spend all your time thinking about what you will give to Mother, Daddy, and the baby, and what somebody will give to you, and not think about the main thing at Christmas? What is the best Christmas gift anybody could have? Why, the first Christmas gift, of course. And John 3:16 tells us about it. "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." You see, God loves you. He gave His Son for you and me.

Jackie Hunter and the Blood Transfusion

I remember in Dallas, Texas, where I was pastor, a little boy six years old had been very sick. His name was Jackie Hunter, and he had pneumonia. His mother called me and said, "Brother Rice, we will have to have a blood transfusion for little Jackie, and I don't know of anybody whom we can get to give the blood. The doctor says he can't get well, he fears, unless somebody can give him some blood." You know, they take blood from one healthy person, if it is the right type, and put it into the veins of another person, and it makes that person stronger and he can get well.

I said, "I will see what I can do." And so Miss Lola Bradshaw, Miss Lillian Smith, the boy's father, and I had our blood tested, and only mine would do. I said, "All right, I will go." I went down to the hospital, and they brought little Jackie Hunter into the room—rolled him in on a stretcher with wheels on it. I took off my shirt and laid down on a table. They took a needle, and the nurse put alcohol on the inside of my elbow. Then she put the needle in the vein. Then she put alcohol on little Jackie's arm and was about to put the needle in his arm. He said, "Mama, what are they going to do to me? Mama, make her stop." The mother said to the nurse, "Wait a minute, Nurse." Then she said, "Jackie, don't cry. You will break Mother's heart. I'll tell you what we are going to do. You are so weak and sick that you can't get well, the doctor says, unless you have some more blood. And Daddy's blood wouldn't do. And Miss Lola's blood wouldn't do, and Lillian Smith's blood wouldn't do. The only one whose blood we could get that would do was Brother Rice. And your pastor, Brother Rice, is going to give you some of his blood. They are going to put that tube in his arm, and it will come from his body right into yours and you will get strong and well."

Little Jackie didn't cry any more. He didn't fuss. They put the needle in his arm, and the doctor said, "Are you ready?"

"All right," the nurse said.

And I could feel that blood pulsing out as it pumped out of my veins and through the tube. The nurse looked at a little measuring device and said, "Twenty cubic centimeters, Doctor," and he checked it on the other side. He held

the little boy's other hand and watched his face. The nurse said, "Twenty cubic centimeters more, Doctor." "All right," he said. Finally one nurse said, "Look at his eyes. They are looking better, and his cheeks are getting rosy. His lips instead of being so thin and blue—why they look natural now!" And the doctor said, "Yes, and if you could just feel the beat of his pulse here in his other wrist, you could tell this boy's going to get well. We are going to save this boy." After a while the nurse said, "That is 200 cubic centimeters, Doctor." He said, "I think that is enough." They stopped the flow of the blood from my arm to his and took the needles out of our arms and put on padding and wrapped them. And then after a while his mother said, "Don't forget, Jackie; you must thank Brother Rice. Wasn't he kind to give his blood to save your life?" Jackie was ready to be rolled out of the hospital operating room into his room. As they rolled him out of the door, he said, "Good-bye, Brother Rice, you're welcome." He didn't think to say, "Thank you." He said, "You're welcome."

If You Will Receive Jesus He Will Save You Today

Jesus died. And only His blood could pay for my sins. I was a sinner. Of course I was. And so are you. So is everybody else. And the only hope in the world is to trust Jesus. He died for our sins, and the Bible says that "the blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

That is what the old song says.

Do you boys and girls know what you need to do? Why, all you need to do is receive Jesus.

Now, let's come back to that text again. The Gospel of John, chapter 1, verse 12, "But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Are you ready to receive Jesus? All right, just put your trust in Him. You would risk a doctor, wouldn't you, if you were sick? And if you had lots of money, you would put it in a bank and risk the bank, wouldn't you? All right, now risk Jesus with your heart. Say, "All right, Jesus. You came into the world. Some people wouldn't receive you, but I will. I want you to be my Saviour. I will trust you as my Saviour today. I will tell my mother that right now." If I were you, I would do that, and then write a letter to Brother Epp, Back to the Bible Broadcast, P. O. Box 233, Lincoln, Nebraska, and say, "Brother Epp, today during your broadcast, I trusted Jesus; I received Him. Some people wouldn't receive Jesus, but I will. I will do it now. I will let Him be my Saviour. I will risk Him to forgive my sins. I will let Him come into my heart. I will let His blood save my soul." Will you trust Him now? All right. We want to hear from you.

"I Will Receive Christ Today"

Let every person who reads this sermon see that it is passed on to boys and girls, perhaps nine to fifteen years of age, and encourage them to accept Jesus Christ as their own Saviour. Mothers, will you read this message to your children and teach them to accept Christ today?

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DO YOU MEAN BUSINESS?

Are You Sincere When You Say You Want Your Pastor to Become More Filled with the Spirit, More Concerned About Souls, More Scriptural in His Preaching? Are You Honest When You Say You Want Your Loved Ones and Neighbors to Be Saved or to Become Better Christians? Do You Mean It When You Pray for a Revival in Your Church?

Lukewarm Christians say lots of things they do not mean, pray lots of prayers that are not from the heart, and deceive themselves into thinking they want a revival more than they do. After earnest prayer, the editor felt led to lay it on the heart of every Christian that if you mean business in your zeal for God, you will help put **The Sword of the Lord** in many thousands of new homes immediately.

Hundreds of preachers have said that the full length gospel messages by America's leading soul winners in **The Sword of the Lord** have done more to freshen and transform their ministry than anything else that has happened to them in years. Pastors tell how they have been stirred to pray, to preach sharply and plainly against sin, stirred to attempt revival services in their churches by **The Sword of the Lord**. Thousands of preachers can get little help for evangelistic preaching, scant reliable Bible teaching that is Spirit-filled and practical. If you want your pastor to be revived or strengthened, by all means see that he gets **The Sword of the Lord**. And why not send it to every pastor you know or to every pastor in town?

You have many relatives and friends who are Christians but need to grow in grace, need to give up worldly ways, to start family altar, to win their children, to be more devout Christians. If you are interested in these loved ones and friends, surely an honest heart would feel it wise to invest \$1 in **The Sword of the Lord** to bless their home for 8 months. We have received many hundreds of letters from people thanking God that someone first sent them **The Sword of the Lord**.

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Do you want lost people to be saved? The more homes there are which get **The Sword of the Lord**, the more lost people will see it and read it. In March alone we had letters from eleven people saved through sermons in **The Sword of the Lord**. Doubtless many others were converted who did not write to say so. This paper is a missionary paper, an evangelistic paper. What better way is there to get the gospel out than by subscribing for others to **The Sword of the Lord**?

Possibly if you will talk to your pastor and other interested church members, they will encourage you and help in getting **The Sword of the Lord** sent to every family in the church. But whether others help or not, if you love the Lord

and if you mean business in wanting revival, you can send **The Sword of the Lord** to many. God's money invested in **The Sword of the Lord** will bring precious fruit to meet you in Heaven.

Messages of Great Chicago Campaign Coming to Sword

Every evening message of Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., and of Dr. Paul W. Rood in the recent Chicago campaign, was electrically recorded and is being transcribed for **The Sword of the Lord**. These messages were given before thousands in the great Chicago Arena in a campaign sponsored by over 200 churches and the leading Christian institutions of Chicago. The editor's message on "Father, Mother, Home and Heaven," very popular, was recorded and will be published. So was his last Sunday night's sermon, "Sermon From a Catholic Bible," which resulted in many people being saved, including about twelve or fifteen Catholics. It will be printed in **The**

Sword of the Lord. Sermons to the unsaved over the Christian Businessmen's noonday broadcast, and sermons on revival at Moody Bible Institute, were recorded and will be used in **The Sword of the Lord**. Your friends and loved ones may have the blessings of these messages tremendously used of God, if you subscribe for them now.

Popular New Book, 254 Pages, Free

We have just published Editor John R. Rice's new book, "The Scarlet Sin and Other Revival Sermons," with 254 pages. The twelve messages were all taken down word for word as preached before great crowds. "All Satan's Apples Have Worms," "Why God Hardened Pharaoh's Heart," "The Unpardonable Sin," "The Worth of a Soul," as preached in the great Cleveland campaign last year and so greatly blessed of God—all these and others may be yours absolutely free if you send two 8-month subscriptions to **The Sword of the Lord** at \$1 each or one 16-month subscription for \$2. (Canada and foreign countries, two 6-month subscriptions, \$1 each.) Send as many subscriptions as you can and get one book free for each \$2 worth of subscriptions.

We have had a printing of over 11,000 copies of this new book, 254 pages, nicely bound in paper, with cover in scarlet and black. It is attractive, it is thrilling reading. Young people, backsliders, un-

saved people, find these messages attractive and will want to read the book just as thousands, like them, came to hear the sermons. You will want a number of copies to circulate among friends and they will want a number of copies to circulate among friends and they will do great good. The sermon on "The Scarlet Sin and the Roads That Lead to It" ought to be spread everywhere. It will keep thousands from ruin as it has in the past when preached. It is so pointed, so scriptural, so plain that God has wonderfully used it.

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Do you mean business for God? Then I suggest that you spend some time in earnest prayer about this matter. Pray for the success of the campaign and ask God what He would have you do. Every \$1 invested should bring wonderful returns for the dear Saviour who has done so much for us. Send letters and subscriptions to **Sword of the Lord Publications**, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

Many Catholics Saved In Chicago Campaign

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the Word of God more perfectly so that there would be no doubt of their full surrender and assurance of forgiveness.

Monday night was Sunday School night. I preached on "A New Heart; Why You Must Have One or Go to Hell, and How to Get It." I do not have the exact count but suppose there were about forty professions of faith in Christ.

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., the first two weeks of the campaign, did a wonderful work. Christians were greatly revived and many people were saved. The third week Dr. Paul W. Rood, president of the World's Christian Fundamental Association, preached and many were blessed by his fervent messages, young people surrendered to full time Christian service, and others were saved.

May God breathe upon us mightily the remaining six days of the campaign.

June 9-30 I go to a city-wide union campaign in Goshen, Indiana, and covet the prayers of readers that God will send a mighty revival.

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BIG PRAYERS TO AN ALMIGHTY GOD

"Could I have as much as fifty cents to get me a sack of meal?" he inquired, and the teller replied that he could have as much as he wanted within any reasonable limits, since there was \$5,000.00 deposited to his account in the bank.

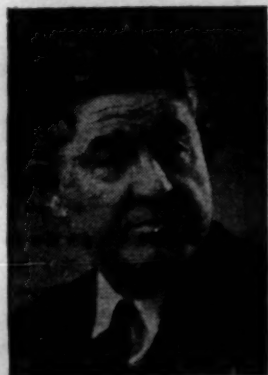
So the former slave instructed the teller to make out a check for fifty cents, and with trembling hands he made his mark beside his name. Then he took the bright fifty cent piece and shuffled away to buy some meal, and to live in his poor little shack in his rags and poverty, leaving \$4,999.50 in the bank!

And how like us that is! Our heavenly Father says that the gold and the silver are His and the cattle on a thousand hills. He has lovingly invited us to tell Him all our needs—"what things so ever ye desire when ye pray"—and promised us "great and mighty things which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33: 3), if we will only call upon Him. He asks us to open our mouths wide and let Him fill them. And yet we live at a poor dying rate in our poverty; physical poverty and mental and spiritual poverty. We do not have because we do not ask. Our mouths are never full because we never open them wide!

On a Dallas, Texas, radio one Sunday morning I used the above illustration in speaking on Psalm 81: 10. In Fort Worth, thirty-two miles away, a poor, distressed Christian woman was up early to pray. Her prayer was about like this, "Oh, God, please give me \$2.00 or \$3.00 to pay on the gas bill. My husband doesn't have a job, we are behind on the rent, the children do not have enough clothes for school, and I think it will break my heart if they cut off the gas and we have no heat in this winter weather. Please, Lord, I don't ask much, give me \$2.00 or \$3.00 to pay on the gas bill so they won't cut off the gas!"

She arose from her knees, turned on the radio and listened to me in the morning broadcast when I urged Christians to open their mouths wide and told how this old lady got fifty cents when he could have had any amount up to \$5,000.00.

She snapped off the radio and fell on her knees and began to pray. And this is the way she prayed this time, "Oh, God, forgive me for just asking for \$2.00 or \$3.00. You are not poor! You are able to give all we need. Then give my husband a job like other men have! Let us pay the rent and pay all of the gas bill. Give my children school clothes. Lord, many an unsaved mother sends her children to school well clothed. And You have plenty; give



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WITH THE EVANGELISTS

By EVANGELIST ROBERT J. WELLS, Associate Editor
Evangelist Joe H. Hankins Has 456 Decisions in Last Campaign

In a letter just received from Brother C. C. Jenkins, executive director of the Christ For Greater Los Angeles Committee, he writes:

"In the Lincoln Heights district in Los Angeles a most successful union revival campaign was held for three weeks in April with Dr. Joe Hankins as evangelist. This section is limited in size and predominantly Catholic with only a small group of fundamental churches willing to cooperate in such a meeting, but the power of the Word was manifest and the faith of these believing pastors was rewarded with 456 decisions, 61 of which were Catholic. There were conversions in every service with some outstanding victories.

"Not only does Dr. Hankins reach the unsaved but he has a great ministry in building up the saints and very definitely putting the churches on a higher spiritual level. Since the meeting closed, two of the churches report a revival has broken out as a result of the campaign with the pastors greatly encouraged as to results.

"This was a tent meeting and the local budget was raised the first two weeks of the meeting so that offerings for that purpose were not necessary the last week of the meeting."

Evangelist Fehsenfeld Has Good Meeting in Waco, Texas

Evangelist Del Fehsenfeld just closed a good revival meeting in the Turner Street Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. He writes:

"We closed a gracious revival last Lord's day with over 90 decisions. Only 39 were additions to the local church. Seven others were definite conversions and the remainder were individual and not mass dedications and reclamations."

Evangelist F. A. Wirth in Liberty, Illinois

In a recent letter from Evangel-

ist F. A. Wirth of Petersburg, Illinois, he writes:

"We just closed a wonderful meeting in the Pleasant View Baptist Church, Liberty, Illinois. Brother Baskell Monroe is the pastor. During the meeting 24 came to confess faith in the Lord Jesus as Saviour; 20 came to unite with the church, 18 of them for baptism and 2 by letter. Others came to reconsecrate their lives to Christ. Four fine young people came to dedicate their lives to Christ for service. All past Sunday School records were broken. Extra chairs had to be placed in the aisles last Sunday night due to the overflow crowd. This is a rural church located three miles out in the country on a gravel road. God is still able to give great revivals in country churches as well as the big city churches if we but trust Him."

Evangelist Douglas Winn in Winston-Salem, North Carolina

We have been hearing fine reports of God's blessings upon the ministry of Evangelist Douglas Winn of Martinsville, Virginia. He writes concerning a recent revival:

"The presence of the Holy Spirit was mightily manifested in brief meetings just closed at the Lawsonville Baptist Church and Smith Grove Baptist Church of Winston-Salem in North Carolina. There were 68 definite conversions and some 80 odd rededications. Very remarkable was the fact that so many of the converts numbered people in their middle ages. The church was well-filled nightly and souls were saved in all but the opening and closing services. A mother of four children who had never been married was saved. Many promised to establish family altars and some surrendered the movie and tobacco habits."

now. He really went with a beautiful smile on his face, thanks to Jesus Christ our Lord. There is no one who can go like that unless God is with him. I'll never forget his smile when he passed my cell and shook hands with me. Some day I'll see my friend Clyde again. Brother Smith, I want to go home to Heaven now where I know there is rest for all of us—all that have Jesus Christ. I wish the whole world could have seen his face as I saw it. I have said all my life that I never saw a man that I thought was pretty, but I confess tonight that Clyde looked pretty to me and all that belonged to God. I talked on and read the Bible and prayed with him and I confess that his soul is saved now and he is far better than I am or anybody else on earth because there is no sorrow or worry where he is. If the Lord do keep me here on earth some time more, in all my teaching Clyde will be mentioned, his name will I use lots in my work that I may bring some one else to Christ.

"Give my love to all your group. With prayer,

"RICHARD GAMBLE"

"In Christ forever and forever." Remarks: A. C. Smith

"The above letter is written by a colored man in the death row and who goes to the electric chair on June 28th. He tells of the goodbye of Clyde Moore, a colored boy, 21 years old, who went to be with the Lord midnight, May 8th, via the electric chair. Both these men made their peace with God and are trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ. In the death row they cannot see each other except when they pass the front of cell on their way to chair. However they can hear each other and in this way discuss the Bible and pray.

"God is no respecter of persons" (Acts Ch. 10, Vs. 34)"

After reading Dr. Rice's sermon, *Almost Persuaded*, in *The Sword of the Lord*, the writer of the following letter signed the decision slip at the close of the article, saying he would trust Christ as his Saviour. Then he wrote the following letter to Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

"Huntsville, Texas,
"May 12, 1946
"No. 105409

"Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Smith
"San Antonio, Texas

"Dear Brother in Christ Jesus:

"Brother Guthrie has been talking to me about Jesus and I stand ready to take Him as my personal Saviour the rest of my life. I believe in my heart that Brother Guthrie is a real Christian and is doing his best to live a Christian life before others, begging and pleading for lost souls. I want to be one of your members in Christ Jesus. . . .
"O. L. McGEE"

Remarks: A. C. Smith
"One convict leads another to Christ Jesus (in prison)"

How we praise God for the way He is dealing with these hungry-hearted prisoners and for the hundreds who have been won to Christ through the good work carried on there by Brother A. C. Smith.

In every community where there is a jail, someone ought to get copies of *The Sword of the Lord*, of the little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" or *All Have Sinned* and others of our gospel literature to distribute free to prisoners. They have time to read, their hearts are hungry and they will respond to love and testimony and the gospel, in many, many cases. Will you see to giving out such good Christian literature in the jail in your town? Others could do a similar work in state prisons.

Pray for Mr. A. C. Smith, in his work of love among prisoners, and if you feel led to help him, buy Bibles for them, you may write him at P. O. Box 200, San Antonio, Texas.

Remember, also, that the *Sword of the Lord*, publishers gives away free about \$2,000 worth of literature each month, and we will be grateful for your help, as God leads. Our address is 214 West Wesley street, Wheaton, Illinois.

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From time to time we have received reports of many prisoners being saved in the Texas Prison System. Mr. A. C. Smith of Post Office Box 200, San Antonio, Tex., carries on, by mail, a remarkable work among the prisoners, sending them copies of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and *All Have Sinned* by Dr. Rice, and copies of *The Sword of the Lord*; sending Bibles to the new converts and continually giving counsel and teaching and help to the new converts. Under date of May 3, our dear Brother Smith sends the following report:

"Texas Prison Work Report, April, 1946
"Number of inmates accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour (White, 9; Colored, 11) 20
"Number of Bibles mailed in to those who promise to read and study, 17; number of New Testaments, 17 34
"Number of correspondence Bi-

ble courses mailed in to those requesting same 20
"Number of The Sword of the Lord 600
"Number of Evangelists 100
"Thousands of tracts and booklets."

Then, on May 9, Mr. Smith sent us the following letter:

"Huntsville, Texas
"P. O. Box 32—Death Row
"May 9th, 1946
"Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Smith
"San Antonio, Texas
"Dear Brother Smith:

"I gladly received my Young Believers' Bible Course and am going to work on it. I'll send it in to you as I finish it. Thanks to God to have the chance to try out my understanding of the Bible. I have sent word to my wife of how swell you have been to me and she will be looking to hear from you. "I am keeping in touch with my Lord Jesus Christ of whom I know have all power and can and will give me peace in my heart.
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